

Colville National Forest

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Paradise Valley Road Temporary Closure

Kettle Falls, WA - Colville National Forest officials will temporarily close Forest Service Road 1728000, often called "Ione Hill or Paradise Valley Road," for the purpose of ensuring public, contractor, and employee safety during logging operations.

The closure is a weekday, temporary closure effective January 10, 2012 through March 1, 2012. Public access is prohibited Monday -Friday. The temporary closure will be lifted on the weekends to allow for recreational access. This closure has been put into place due to heavy log truck traffic combined with narrow roads, limited pull-outs, and winter driving conditions. This logging operation was chosen for the winter season to minimize ground disturbances, as winter logging is done over the snow without direct contact to soil and vegetation.

The following Forest Service road is closed to access Monday through Friday:

 Forest Service Road 1728000 (From the junction of County Road 4702 Meadow Creek Road, to the junction of County Road 4708 Smackout Road).

County roads will remain open to public use.

For more information contact the Three Rivers Ranger District at (509) 738-7700.

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